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SUBJECT: ANDREOTTI CONCERNS ABOUT USG

REF: STATE 223829

1. I SAW ANDREOTTI AT 10:00 A.M. TODAY AND MADE THE POINTS CONTAINED PARA 1, REFTEL 223829. ANDREOTTI EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE SECRETARY'S THOUGHTFULNESS IN GIVING HIM THESE ASSURANCES. HE SAID THAT HE DID NOT RPT NOT BELIEVE THAT THE USG HAD ANY CONNECTION WITH THE ESPRESSO DOCUMENTS LINKING HIM TO THE LOCKHEED SCANDAL OR THAT THE US WAS OPPOSED TO HIM PERSONALLY AS PRIME MINISTER.

2. I TOLD ANDREOTTI WE DID NOT INTEND TO MAKE ANY PUBLIC STATEMENT ABOUT THIS AFFAIR BUT IF QUESTIONS WERE RAISED, THE DEPARTMENT WOULD RESPOND ALONG THE LINES OF THE POINTS MADE TO HIM. ANDREOTTI SAID HE APPRECIATED THE REASONING BUT INDICATED IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF WE HAD ANY INFORMATION, OR COULD DEVELOP IT, REVEALING WHO MIGHT BE BEHIND THIS EFFORT. HE POINTED OUT THAT THE DOCUMENTS APPEAR TO BE THE WORK OF NON-PROFESSIONAL GROUPS, WHICH WOULD SEEM TO RULE OUT THE KGB. IN PASSING, ANDREOTTI EXPRESSED HIS DISTASTE FOR GEN. MICELI (MSI) WHOM HE CHARACTERIZED AS A GOOD SOLDIER BUT NOT COMPETENT TO HEAD THE INTELLIGENCE SERVICE. HE ALSO REMARKED ON MICELI'S EARLIER RELATIONS WITH TALENTI (FORMER AMERICAN RESIDENT OF ROME WHO ANDREOTTI NOTED HAD POLITICAL CONNECTIONS IN THE US) AND AN AMERICAN
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(UNNAMED) WHO WORKED FOR SELENIA IN ITALY.

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3. I TOLD HIM THAT I HAD NO INFORMATION AS TO THE PEOPLE BEHIND THIS EFFORT BUT WOULD, IF HE WISHED, ASK THE DEPARTMENT IF ANY INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE OR COULD BE DEVELOPED WHICH COULD BE PASSED TO HIM. HE SAID THAT WOULD BE USEFUL.BEAUDRY

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